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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 1652**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Mathur, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/202,681  
Filed: December 23, 1999  
Title: THERMOSTABLE PHOSPHATASES

Art Unit: 1652  
Examiner: R. Hutson

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.192(a) to extend the period for responding to the Final Office Action mailed August 14, 2001 and to the Advisory Action mailed January 16, 2001.

The requested extension is for an additional Four (4) Months, extending the period for further response from February 14, 2002 to June 14, 2002.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8	
I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, <b>May 24, 2002</b> , in an envelope addressed to: BOX AF, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.	
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$665.00 for purchase of Four (4) Months of additional time. Please note that pursuant to a telephone conversation with the Examiner, in response to our previous supplemental response filed via facsimile on December 20, 2001, a fee of \$55.00 for One (1) Month Extension of Time fee was charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1355. Therefore, the total fee due now is \$655.00 (\$720.00 for Four (4) Months Extension of Time fee minus \$55.00 equals \$665.00). However, the Commissioner may charge for any other fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: May 24, 2002



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